

Throngs Gather to Greet Pontiff

The Philippines — The amazing Pope John Paul II, who in less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ years as pontiff has seen more of the world than Marco Polo in a lifetime, left these Pacific islands Sunday for Guam and the midway point of his 12-day Asian tour.

As in previous trips to Poland, the United States, France and Germany, the pope was greeted by tumultuous crowds at every stop of his swing which when over will have brought him to Pakistan, Japan and Alaska as well as to the Philippines and Guam.

John Paul covered a mix of spiritual, political and ecumenical matters in his various talks along the route. At his first stop, in Karachi, the pope praised that nation's efforts on behalf of "displaced peoples," without specifying that they are coming from neighboring Afghanistan which is occupied by Soviet troops.

Only 1.5 million of Pakistan's 75 million inhabitants are Christian and only half of those - one Muslim.

The Holy Father expressed pleasure at the "bonds of dialogue and trust which have been forged between the Catholic Church and Islam' in recent years.

But it was in the Philippines that the pope received the most spectacular welcomes of the first half of his Asian tour. He was hailed by more than a million at Cebu City where he condemned casual sex, upheld priestly celibacy and strongly reiterated a Roman Catholic ban on artificial birth control. divorce, abortion and polygamy.

He said Mass at the spot where the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan raised the cross of Christianity for the first time in the Far

East in 1521.

The pope also used the opportunity to appeal for the resumption of friendly relations with Communis China. He said he "hopes and wishes" he could visit that land which has no relation with the Vatican since 194 when the Communists tool over the mainland.

The papal overture appear to have been rejected. The Chinese government official ignored the pope's request an in Peking Catholic Bisho Michael Fu reacted without enthusiasm, noting that th Vatican still has relations with Taiwan.

While the Vatican wa trying to steer clear of politic in the Philippines, apparent President Ferdinand Marcs had other ideas.

He publicly humble himself before the Ho Father and apologized

For his part, Pope John Paul, in the presence of conflict between the Church and his administration. He/ called for an end to "petty) Marcos, called for a restoration of human rights to this island nation.

> The pope also told thousands of cheering workers

unions to get their just rights.

dochinese refugees in Bataan and urged world compassion and increased aid for the displaced persons.

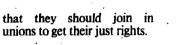


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Rev. Mr. Daniel Condon will be ordained to the priesthood at noon on Saturday, March 7. Bishop Matthew H. Clark will preside at the ceremony at St. Mary's of the Assumption Church in Scottsville.

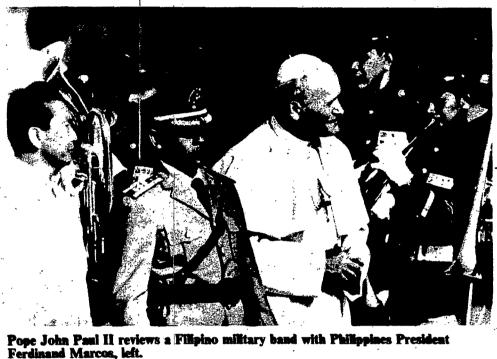
The ceremonies for Deacon Condon begin the



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Clergy Conference

Bishop Matthew H. Clark, left, addresses a group of more than 116 priests of the diocese, last week at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua. The bishop was the principal speaker for the twin-session Clergy Conference which lasted three days.



The United Nations has proclaimed 1981 the Year of the Disabled Person. Leaders from around the world have supported the move and have brought attention to the needs of the handicapped.

Next week's Courier-Journal will focus on the disabled — not only their problems but on their inspirational achievements. This special edition also will offer guidelines on how we call can work together to improve living conditions for the disabled.

In addition to reports on individuals and how they have handled their handicaps, we will have messages from the Holy Father, Bishop Matthew H. Clark, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and others.

Remember to look for it next week - the Courier-Journal Focus on Disabled.

last series of ordinations of graduates of St. Bernard's Seminary. Bishop Clark announced the closing of the seminary last month. A reception will follow the ordination in Hartmann Hall.

Deacon Condon will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Patrick's Church in Victor at noon on Sunday, March 8. Α reception at St. Patrick's School of Religion is also scheduled after Mass.

Deacon Condon is the son of Mrs. Patricia B. Middlebrook of Canandaigua and the late Hugh E. Condon. He attended Victor Central and Peace Commission for School and received a Bachelor's degree in pastoral education was Philisophy from St. John Fisher College in 1976. He will graduate from St. Texas. Bernard's in May.



FATHER CONDON

House of Hospitality, Monroe County Hospital, the Mt. Carmel Youth 'Group, Camp Stella Maris. Family Camp, Teen Seminar and Antioch.

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His field education work was-with Christ Presbyterian Church in Rochester and with the International Justice the diocese. His clinical completed at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas.

He has served at St. Deacon Condon has Mary's since September 1979. worked with St. Joseph's